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E.O. 12065: SDS 12/12/83 (SHERMAN, RICK) CS-P
 TAGS: PCPR, PSOR, PX, XF, AF
 SUBJ:(C) MUFTI MAHMUD CONCERNED RE ASSISTANCE TO AFGHAN EXILES/
 REFUGEES.

REF: ISLAMABAD 11449(OTAL)

1. (C) ENTIRE TEXT.

2. IN MEETING WITH EBOFFS OCT 7(REFTEL), PAULANA MUFTI
 MAHMUD, CHIEF OF PAKISTAN NATIONAL ALLIANCE (PNA), RAISED
 INTER ALIA SUBJECT OF FINANCIAL AND OTHER MATERIAL ASSISTANCE

FOR AFGHAN DISSIDENTS. HE MADE PITCH FOR U.S. ASSISTANCE.
 AND EBOFF EXPLAINED U.S. POLICY OF NON-INTERFERENCE IN
 AFGHAN SITUATION.

3. MUFTI THEN PROCEEDED TO COMPLAIN ABOUT MIDDLE EAST ARAB
 COUNTRIES*(ESPECIALLY GULF NATIONS) PROVISION OF-
 CASH ASSISTANCE TO REBELS -- BUT ONLY TO CERTAIN GROUPS.
 SPECIFICALLY, HE SAID GULF STATES ARE SENDING FUNDS TO
 PROFESSOR BURAHUDDIN RABANI'S JAMAAT ISLAMI AFGHANISTAN
 (JIA) WHICH IS CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH MUFTI'S NEMESIS,
 JAMAAT-I-ISLAMI (JI) OF PAKISTAN. MUFTI ASKED, "WHY CAN THE ARABS
 NOT SPREAD THE ISLAM AMONG A BROADER CROSS-SECTION OF
 THE REBELS?"

4. MUFTI ALSO ASKED WHAT THE U.S. COULD DO IN TERMS OF
 HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE. EBOFF DESCRIBED BRIEFLY
 RECENT VISITS TO PAKISTAN AND PREDICTED A SIZEABLE INTER-
 NATIONAL RELIEF PROGRAM WILL SOON BE ON THE GROUND IN
 PAKISTAN. EBOFFS ALSO SAID U.S. LIKELY TO CONTRIBUTE
 SIGNIFICANTLY TO UNHCR EFFORT. MUFTI REPLIED THAT
 HE COULD UNDERSTAND U.S. NOT WANTING TO BECOME DIRECTLY
 INVOLVED FOR POLITICAL POLITICAL REASONS AND THAT HE
 APPRECIATED WHATEVER ASSISTANCE U.S. CAN PROVIDE TO U.S.
 EFFORT TO ASSIST REFUGEES. HE TRUSTED U.S. EFFORT WILL
 PROFIT ALL EFFORTS REGARDLESS OF ANY REGULATIONS THEY
 MAY HAVE WITH SPECIFIC DISORDER IN AFGHANISTAN.